



Currently meeting at Cary Area EMS, [107 Medcon Court, NC.](#)

Park at the Doctor's office next store, or across the street at Terry's Floors

Best to carry a flashlight.

Phone: 984-232-1409 (new)

Special invitation from Bill and Mary Lou Ferguson

Save the date for soup and salad on Dec. 20th, 2-4 pm at [our home](#). More info in December newsletter. It will be for train club members and their significant other

Under the Crown Sheet by John Ragan

While the final numbers aren't in yet, the 31st annual NRV show was a success. We had an increase in attendance over last year. The club table had a tremendous sales weekend. The Cackalacky Project was well received. Our new venue, the Jim Graham Building, was a hit with both vendors and attendees. We hit new highs in numbers of vendors and tables. We had an amazing number of volunteers through all phases of the show. I can attribute this success to the passion and desire of the members of this club.

November is a month for giving thanks. As a club, I wonder if we realize how much we have to give thanks for. Now, there are the obvious things, a clubhouse, multiple layouts, huge library, and annual show. Those are the obvious choices. Have you considered the friendships and memories you've made over the years? The people you have met, the lives you have influenced, and those people that have influenced your life. These people could include the person who showed you how to use an airbrush; the one who finally explained DCC so you could understand it; and the people who made you feel welcome the first time you came to the clubhouse. These are the things that make NRV a special place, a home away from home.

NRV has an exciting new year ahead with new spaces to see and places to go. Expect the official announcement on a new clubhouse sometime late November or early December. Thanks to all for your patience, and your help in packing up the old clubhouse.

Please remember Scott Gagnon in your thoughts and prayers. As I write this he is in the VA hospital in Durham, with hopes of coming home soon.

Minutes of the Membership Meeting.

John Ragan called the Membership Meeting of October 21, 2015 to order at 7:02 PM. The meeting was held in the Cary EMS facility at 102 Medcon Court, Cary.

John Held led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tom Magnani called the roll.

Board members present: Doug Alumbaugh, Arthur (AB) Boone, Bill Ferguson, Tom Magnani, John Ragan, Frank Simmons and Steve Wills.

Members present were: Joe Austin, David Crafty, Erik Dyke, Pete Hansma, David Johnson, Joe Johnston, Clif Kelly, George Lasley, Henry Shirley, Jim Songer and Roland Waggoner.

Our guest was Donna Hansma.

John Ragan introduced Doug Alumbaugh; our newest Board member.

Treasurer's report: Steve Wills.

As of the end of September, the club is basically where it was at September, 2014.

Show report: George Lasley.

We have 16 tables remaining.

The Jim Graham building will be open 8 AM on Friday, November 6th.

The banners and signs go up ASAP that morning. We will not be flying the large train flag.

The drug store will be providing flu shots.

Ticket prices are \$8 w/o the coupon, or telephone image; \$7 with the coupon, or telephone image.

He asked that each layout group setting up at the show provide him with a list of their attendees so that he can create badges for them.

He asked the membership to remember to dress appropriately:

closed toe shoes, gloves and pliers for pulling staples.

He expects our work to ease off by about 2 PM.

Pizza will be served at 6 PM with the building closing immediately afterwards.

The building will reopen Saturday at 7 AM. We open to the public at 9 AM.

A person will be needed to watch the far side front door to direct people to the ticket table at the main front door.

We will need an extra cash drawer for the Cackalacky Table.

The show closes at 5 pm on Saturday.

The building will reopen Sunday at 8 AM and open to the public at 9 AM.

Sunday's show ends at 5 PM. Pizza will be at 6 and shutdown hopefully by 9 PM.

John Ragan asked that all members wear their club shirts, hats and name tags. He recommended that we put our names in our hats. Doug Alumbaugh reported that the latest shipment of shirts have arrived.

Pete Hansma reported that he has received a donation of 24 boxes of magazines and literature plus four (4) 45 gallon tubs of HO items and several other boxes of HO things.

John Ragan thanked AB for his help in coordinating our move into storage and for arranging the storage so that the items we need for the show are nearest the storage unit's roll up doors.

George Lasley asked that members remember to work at the club's table as it is an important source of our yearly funds.

Cakalacky:

Frank Simmons reported on the discussions with the owners of Cakalacky as to our selling their sauces and related items at the club's show. Cakalacky will provide us with supplies, on consignment, at wholesale prices, which we will sell at retail price with the difference going to the club. Because we will need every available member to work the show he has asked some of the wives, and Debbie Kintzing, to staff the booth. Debbie will be bringing her 'Conductor' puppet.

New Business:

John Ragan reported to the membership about our progress towards a new clubhouse. We have a handshake agreement on a new location pending some details. The rent will be \$1,000 a month with the owner assuming all major repairs. Once we sign a lease it will be necessary to increase our dues from \$10/month to \$25/month. This will be back to the level they were at when we were across from the Angus Barn in 2009. We had been able to reduce them to \$10/month only because the rent at the Mall had been so far below market rates.

In response to several questions Steve reminded the membership that even at the lower rate we had depended on the show's proceeds and our treasury to sustain the club. At the \$25/month rate we will maintain our finances at the same rate as at the Mall.

George Lasley reminded the membership that donations to the club can be itemized on a donor's Federal tax return. He challenged the membership to donate to the club.

John Held said that he believed that our unique sales point for new members is that we are the only club in the area that permits both the public, and our members, to run their own trains on our layouts.

The next Board Meeting will be on Monday, November 2, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

The next Membership Meeting will be on Wednesday, November 18, 2015, at 7:00 PM.

Steve Wills' motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded by George Lasley at 8:25 PM.

Minutes of the Board of Governors Meeting

Minutes of the Board of Governors Meeting, Monday, November 2, 2015 Location: Cary EMS FACILITY, 102 Medcon Court, Cary.

John Ragan called the Board meeting to order at 7:05 PM

John Kuchnia took the minutes.

The attendance roster checked off was used in place of the roll call to record attendance .

Board members present: Doug Alumbaugh, Arthur Boone, Bill Ferguson, John Ragan, Frank Simmons, Steve Wills.

Members present: David Craft, Pete Hansma, John Held, Clif Kelly, John Kuchnia, George Lasley, Jim Songer.

Guest present was Donna Hansma.

Treasurer's report: Steve Wills.

Funds availability at the end of October, 2015 comparable to that of October, 2014. Show deposits are up. Time Warner has been paid.

Personnel Report:

Scott Gagnon is in the VA Hospital in Durham with a back injury. Rehab is expected to begin later this week. John Ragan visited him and gave some details on his condition. A card will be made available shortly for members to sign.

Show Report: George Lasley

N&O ad ran well in good locations of the newspaper. It will run Saturday and Sunday. Ads look good; should be on the right hand page for maximum viewability.

Banners are up in the fairway fence.

All electronic work is done.

New banners are to be picked up.

Tables are still available. There are 40 more than last year.

One club member, John Mitchell, wants a table.

Two banners with an included directional sign are available.

Weather forecasts rain on Saturday and Sunday which should increase attendance.

Everything appears to be under control.

Parking for vendors between the Graham building and Hillsborough Street is available.

Set up: Building opens at 8 am.
 Diagrams depict the layout of tables.
 One security officer is available.
 Four-dozen rugs are available.

Power drops are shown on the diagram.
Tickets, etc. will be located at the non-roll up doors.
AB asked about trash unit availability at the roll-up doors.
Instructions will be passed on to dealers.

John Ragan's comments:

The Time Warner cable ad has not been seen by anyone as of the meeting.
Facebook page is up and running. 33k to 34k running responses with only one negative comment.

He urged everyone to share pages with friends.

18 to 19 members have signed up for the show.

On 8:30 am Friday, set up will begin. Vendors will be in about noon.

Pizza and sodas will be available Friday pm.

Items needed: Gloves, staplers, comfortable shoes for the concrete floor, extra change of shoes and clothes.

There is a Staples bill for a laminated sign.

Pete Hansma's comments:

Public service announcements (PSAs) have been made in Charlotte, the Triad, Greenville, New Bern, Richmond, Greenville and Rock Hill, SC: and Columbia, SC by radio coverage.

Event websites also exist.

The new flyer's telephone number is wrong. He will have to make corrections and reprint later.

He recommended using an attendance estimate of between 1500- 2500 to requests from media and others when asked.

George added that Scott Mason, The Tar Heel Traveler from WRAL, is aware of the show.

End of Old Business.

New Business:

George Lasley opened the discussion of ways of attracting sponsors.

Further discussions on the subject involved comments by Arthur Boone, Frank Simmons, John Ragan and Steve Wills included the following:

Dues

Streams of revenue

How to display club projects to and for groups of visitors

Donations

Recognizing donors Birthday parties

Running trains with adult supervision

Open house events

Receiving visitors

Show preparation Friday.

Show doors open at 8 am.

AB will be there for unloading.

Then to storage unit with John Ragan, Tom Magnani and John Kuchnia.

Steve needs the tub with the Lego engines and cars.

A module with no track 6 to 7 feet long is also needed.

Extension cords are needed.

Paper plates, napkins needed

Badges needed

List of cell phone numbers needs to be distributed among members to be able to stay in touch on floor.

Return address labels should be attached inside all hats and clothing to facilitate returns to owners.

The number of pizzas were recalculated.

John Ragan suggested that a donation jar should be provided at year's end for the Raleigh Food Bank; proceeds going to a local food bank. To reduce the chance of breakage, a plastic pretzel barrel was recommended. Use of the old fish tank's usage was also discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm on a motion by Frank Simmons, seconded by Steve Wills.

Future Events.

The next membership meeting will be Wednesday November 18 at 7 pm at Cary Area EMC at

[107 Medcon Court, Cary NC](#) Use the side door; it's best to carry a flashlight

Next Board Meeting will be December 7, at the same location.

Note from the Editor/Webmaster

Please send me recent photos of our club activities, so we can put them in the newsletter.

Please send articles to me at joe.nrvmrrc@pobox.com. by the Wednesday before the next meeting, so I can do the newsletter on Thursday. Check out our website at: <http://www.nrvclub.net>. Check the [website](#) to see when the club will be opened and call 984-232-1409 to be sure that the doors are open.

Pete Hansma has set up a club Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Neuse-River-Valley-Model-Railroad-Club-Inc/620489421310389?fref=ts>

Neat Links

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LoRfa5Cdcas&feature=iv&src_vid=ELNpjGyvpeM&annotation_id=annotation_2226721863

Videos from Sipping and Switching at our 2015 show

VIDEO #1 <https://youtu.be/trJ5kSv56ss>

VIDEO #3 <https://youtu.be/GR182UolY8E>

VIDEO #4 <https://youtu.be/liNXvylmZ8>

VIDEO #5 <https://youtu.be/KlzKAM2xWoA>

VIDEO #6 <https://youtu.be/9BsT5956HTg>

VIDEO #7 <https://youtu.be/Z9Akh6aeb7Y>

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NEXT MEETING - Wednesday, October 21, 2015, 7:00 pm. at: [107 Medcon Court, Cary NC](#)

Board of Governors meeting: Monday December 7, 7:00 pm, at the same location.

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